सुपर बाजार में धन के गबन की घटना की जांच

745. **श्री दिलीप सिंह भूरिया :** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने नई दिल्ली में सुपर बाजार की कनाट प्लेस शाखा में 50 लाख से एक करोड़ रुपये के गबन से जुड़े मामले की कोई जांच करायी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में सुपर बाजार के अध्यक्ष द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों पर भी कोई कार्यवाही की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि सुपर बाजार नई दिल्ली की कनाट प्लेस शाखा में धन के गबन का कोई मामला नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Comnuttee to study varions aspects of Packaging

746. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY; Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to. state-,

(a) whether Government have constitute a Committee to study the various aspects of packaging, labelling: and price listing on the packets;

(b) by when the Commttee is lively to submit its report;

(c) whether any hardship will be caused, to small scale units by the excessive rule; and

(d) the steps proposed to simply and liberalise the existing system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL. SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-

DIN AHMED): (a) The Ministry has constituted a Standing Committee to examine, review and make suitable recommendations to the Government from time to. time on changes in the provisions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules_ 1877 and policy matters related thereto.

(b) No time limit is fixed for the Standing Committee. It meets as and when necessary and submits its recommendations.

(c) and (d) The Committee has among others representatives from major Trade and Industry Federations/Associations to take care of the interest of trade and industry include ing small scale industry.

Increasing allotment of sugar to backward blocks

747. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL. SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gover-mnment propose to increase allot ment of sugar to backward blocks all over the country;

(b) if so, the the details thereof;

(c) whether any review has been conducted regarding the requirements of backward blocks of PDS items and consumer goods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL, SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and

(b) There is no proposal to increase allotment of levy sugar to any State or Union Teritory.

(c) and (d) Central Government makes bulk allocation of r*ice,* wheat', levy sugar, imported edible oil, superior kerosene oil and soft coke to State Governments/UT Administrations or distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). Decisions regarding quantities to be allocated to Districts, Blocks and other administrative units within a State or UT are taken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Whenever the State Governments/UT Administrations indicate additional requirements the Central Government takes such requirements into account before deciding the allocation of PDS commodities to the States/UTs.

Rise in prices of essential commodities after Budget

748. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIR A DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: .

(a) which are the essential commodities whose prices have increased after the'recent Budget end due to administered prices; and

(b) the comparative statistics of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ;(SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A state ment showing the percentage varia tions in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities during the post-Budget period and during 1998-94, 199-93 and 1991-92 is given in the Statement. (See be low) It may be mentioned that it is not possible to attribute the increase in the prices of essential commodi ties to the measures contained in the Union Budget and to administered prices. The prices of commodities are affected by several factors such as production demand and supply, prices of substitutes, export and import and seasonal factors.

Statement

Percentage Variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected Essential Commodities and Administered items during the post budget period and during 1993-94, 1992-93 *and* 1991-92

Commodities	Pare	entage variation		
	Post Budget period 9-7-94	Variation	during the yeae	
	26-2-94	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
Essential Commodities				
Rice	+2.7	+12.7	—0.2	+ 30.7
Wheat.....	—7.1	+ 18.5	+ 2.7	+ 12.3
Jowar	+ 11.1	-2.9	—20.0	+ 65.5
Bajra	+ 0.8	+ 50.2	—33.5	+74.9